and manmade disasters of severe nature, if the States are not in a position to deal with it with the resources available with them. Identification of victims and probing tfie cause of accidents with a view to avoiding legal complications aj.tbetfme of payment of compensation is the responsibility of the concerned Ministries/organizations and State Government which is discharged by them in accordance with established procedures and relevant statutory provisions.

Request for PM's intervention for release of a former minister of Karnataka

2133. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family members of former Karnataka Minister Shri H. Nagappa has sought Prime Minister's intervention to secure his release; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Smt. Parimala Nagappa, wife of Shri H. Nagappa, former Karnataka Minister who was kidnapped by Veerappan met the Prime Minister on 12th November, 2002 and handed over a memorandum requesting for the expenditious release of her husband.

Recruitment of constables in **Delhi Police**

†2134. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applications for the posts of constables in Delhi Police were invited a few months back;

(b) whether complaints were received by the Commissioner of Police regarding some officials who took money for recruitment;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been investigated by the Vigilance Department of Police; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.